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OPA Daily Digest for 8/13/13

Congressional Inquiries:

Rep. Kevin Yoder (Mo.) 8/9/13: Sale of property at 25 Funston Road in jeopardy because of EPA remediation work halted. Due: 8/26/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Rep. William Lacy Clay (Mo.) 7/31/13: Coordination of information sharing with citizens group and local residents about cleanup efforts at the West Lake Landfill site. Due: 8/14/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Sen. Claire McCaskill (Mo.) 8/6/13: West Lake Landfill FUSRAP designation. Due: 8/20/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Rep. Loebsack (Iowa) 8/12/13: Concern about the environmental and health impacts of TK Concrete. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (open)

State Government Inquiries:

None

Press Inquiries:

Iowa Public Radio – Clay Masters – 8/9/13: Request for an interview about the advantages and disadvantages of voluntary efforts to reduce nutrients with the regional administrator on Thursday, Aug. 15 at the Iowa State Fair. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (open)

Agri-Pulse – Sara Wyant – 8/12/13: Request for an interview with EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy at the Iowa State Fair. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

WHO-TV, Des Moines, Iowa – Brandon Blue – 8/13/13: Discussed topics of potential interview at Iowa State Fair. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

WHO Radio, Des Moines, Iowa – Doug Cooper – 8/13/13: Discussed topics of potential interview at the Iowa State Fair. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557 (closed)

Environmental Stories:

Waterloo Cedar Falls Courier - EPA chief coming to Iowa State Fair Thursday - 8/13/13 - The administrator of the federal Environmental Protection Agency will be in Iowa later this week to deliver remarks at an awards luncheon at the Iowa State Fairgrounds, officials said Tuesday. EPA chief Gina McCarthy, who won U.S. Senate confirmation last month, is slated to be in Des Moines on Thursday to speak with farmers at the Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Awards ceremony at the Farm Bureau Picnic Shelter on the Iowa State Fairgrounds.

http://wcfcourier.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/epa-chief-coming-to-iowa-state-fair-thursday/article_8a3b7a2e-044e-11e3-a82b-001a4bcf887a.html

Des Moines Register - EPA chief Gina McCarthy to speak at Iowa State Fair - 8/13/13 - The administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will speak at the Iowa State Fair on Thursday as environmental organizations continue to push for the agency to force Iowa to comply with the Clean Water Act. Officially, Gina McCarthy will speak with farmers the Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Awards ceremony.

<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20130813/NEWS/130813030/EPA-chief-Gina-McCarthy-speak-Iowa-State-Fair>

KMOX-TV - Pattonville Firefighter Issues Dire Warning on Nuclear Waste - 8/13/12 - A prominent fire commander is calling for the removal of nuclear waste from the West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton as his department monitors an underground landfill fire nearby.

<http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2013/08/13/pattonville-firefighter-issues-dire-warning-on-nuclear-waste/>

The Hill Blog - BP sues EPA to lift federal contracting suspension - 8/13/13 - BP is asking a federal court to overturn the Environmental Protection Agency's decision to suspend the oil giant from receiving new federal contracts as a result of the fatal 2010 Gulf of Mexico disaster.

<http://thehill.com/blogs/e2-wire/e2-wire/316739-bp-sues-epa-to-lift-federal-contracting-suspension>

Huffington Post - Gina McCarthy On Clean Air for Her Children and Ours - 8/13/13 - We are incredibly lucky that Gina McCarthy was recently confirmed as the head of the EPA. But we are also privileged that a woman of her caliber, integrity and strength would make it her life's work to protect our air. I want to use this letter to introduce you to her, in a personal way. We'll be hearing a great deal about Administrator McCarthy's work over the next year.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/dominique-browning/gina-mccarthy-on-clean-air_b_3744340.html?utm_hp_ref=green

Patch - Fire Expert: Landfill Fire + West Lake Nuclear Waste = Potentially Tragic Ending - 8/13/13 - A fire has been brewing for quite some time and it's moving towards an volatile pile of illegally dumped radioactive material.

http://marylandheights.patch.com/groups/police-and-fire/p/fire-expert-landfill-fire--west-lake-radioactive-material--potentially-tragic-ending_d37bc7c1

Kansas City Star - BP sues to get new contracts after oil spill - 8/12/13 - BP is suing the U.S. government over a decision to bar the oil giant from getting new federal contracts to supply fuel and other services after the company pleaded guilty to manslaughter and other criminal charges related to the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

<http://www.kansascity.com/2013/08/12/4406439/bp-sues-to-get-new-contracts-after.html>

Ag Professional - CFQ: Retailers Critical to Nutrient Management Plan Success - 8/12/13 - Retailers will play a critical role in the success of nutrient management plans across the dozen states along the Mississippi River that must implement them. The 2008 Gulf Hypoxia Action Plan requires at least a 45 percent reduction in nitrogen (N) and phosphorus (P) loads to the Gulf of Mexico.

<http://www.agprofessional.com/agprofessional-magazine/CFQ-Retailers-Critical-to-Nutrient-Management-Plan-Success-219308191.html?ref=191>

The Emporia Gazette - Boil water advisory issued for Rural Water District No. 4 - 8/13/13 - The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has issued a boil water advisory for Rural Water District No. 4, including Neosho Rapids, located in Lyon County.

http://www.emporiagazette.com/news/article_a9f238e6-0433-11e3-aa82-10604b9f6eda.html

WIBW-TV - Boil Water Advisory Issued In Lyon County - 8/13/13 - The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has issued a boil water advisory for Rural Water District (RWD) No. 4, including Neosho Rapids, located in Lyon County.

<http://www.wibw.com/home/headlines/Boil-Water-Advisory-Issued-In-Lyon-County-219406781.html>

Salon - BP wants a second chance - 8/13/13 - In the wake of the 2010 Gulf oil spill, the Environmental Protection Agency banned BP, as the responsible party, from getting future federal contracts to supply fuel. Despite pleading guilty not only to charges of manslaughter in the deaths of 11 workers, but also to lying to Congress about the extent of the spill, yesterday the oil giant sued the U.S. government over the decision.

http://www.salon.com/2013/08/13/bp_wants_a_second_chance/singleton/

Politico - OFA holds climate events - Wind lobby redoubles PTC efforts - BP sues EPA over block of federal contracts - 8/13/13 - Following up on "action days" focused on Obamacare and immigration, Organizing for Action today is overseeing small climate change events around the U.S. today. "Every day is a day of action. Every event is one that counts. When you call out climate deniers on Tuesday, make it count," OFA Executive Director Jon Carson wrote yesterday to supporters.

<http://www.politico.com/morningenergy/0813/morningenergy11410.html>

Quad City Times - EPA chief coming to Iowa on Thursday - 8/13/13 - The administrator of the federal Environmental Protection Agency, or EPA, will be in Iowa later this week to deliver remarks at an awards luncheon at the Iowa State Fairgrounds, officials said Tuesday. EPA chief Gina McCarthy, who won U.S. Senate confirmation last month, is slated to be in Des Moines on Thursday to speak with farmers at the Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Awards ceremony at the Farm Bureau Picnic Shelter on the Iowa State Fairgrounds.

http://qctimes.com/news/state-and-regional/iowa/epa-chief-coming-to-iowa-on-thursday/article_7338e18b-58da-5099-9063-0416008cd2f4.html

Autoblog - EPA: 10% of all US fuel now renewable, but that might be our limit - 8/13/13 - The EPA's Renewable Fuel Standards for 2013 have been finalized, and it's a good billion gallons more than it was last year. In 2012, the EPA set the Renewable Fuel Standard (aka RFS2) limits at 15.2 billion gallons. In 2013, the number has grown to 16.55 billion gallons, and so, the EPA says, "in 2013 about 10% of all fuel used will be from renewable sources." It's actually 9.74 percent, but who's counting.

<http://green.autoblog.com/2013/08/13/epa-10-of-all-us-fuel-now-renewable-but-that-might-be-the-lim/>

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Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

THURSDAY: EPA Chief Gina McCarthy to Deliver Remarks at Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Awards Luncheon in Des Moines – 8/13/13 - Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

Public Hearing for RCRA Administrative Order Announced, Rotary Drilling Supply, Inc., Crystal City, Jefferson County, Missouri – 8/13/13 – Contact: Beckie Himes, 7253

Opportunity to Comment on Proposed Remedy, Former Townsend Industries Facility, Pleasant Hill, Polk County, Iowa – 8/13/13 – Contact: Beckie Himes, 7253

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

8/15/13 – Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Awards Ceremony, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

8/19/13 - Meet and greet with CID KCAO – Carlos Rivera, Regional Office. Contact: Mike Burnett, 7990

8/27/13 – Visit Kickapoo Nation, Horton, Kan. Contact: Wolfgang Brandner, 7381

9/9/13 - Interagency Environmental Leadership Council, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566

9/13/13 – Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson, Kan. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

10/15/13 - 2013 Fall Water Symposium, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Karen Flourney, 7782

10/29-30/13 - SES National Executive Leadership Development Conference, Washington, DC. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

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RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

9/18/13 – Providing training to the Allergy Foundation of America, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Bob Dye, 7605.

CNSL

None

ECO/EJ

None

ENSV

None

PLMG

None

RA/OPA

8/15/13 – Oronogo-Duenweg Mining Belt Superfund site public meeting, Joplin, Mo. Contact: Debbie Kring, 7725

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8/12 - 16/13 - Groundwater contamination investigation and site-related meetings, Plating Inc. Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

8/13-14/13 – EPA/DOD Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program and Environmental Security Technology Certification Program conference, Washington, DC. Contact: Clint Sperry, 7157

8/19-8/23/13 - Groundwater contamination investigation, Plating Inc Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

8/26-8/29/13 - Groundwater contamination investigation, Plating Inc Superfund site, Great Bend, Kan. Contact: Matthew Jefferson, 7520

8/28/13 – State of Missouri – Chem/Bio Functional Exercise, Jefferson City, Mo. Contact: Megan Schuette, 7630

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8/14/13 – Kansas Department of Health and Environment 2013 Kansas Environmental Conference, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Glenn Curtis, 7726

8/14-15/13 – Iowa Department of Natural Resources Public Water System Supervision Coordination meeting, Des Moines, Iowa. Contact: Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036

8/14/13 - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

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8/20-22/13 – Meet with WinnaVegas and Santee Sioux, Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products plans, Sloan, Iowa and Niobrara, Neb. Contact: Kimberly Willis, 7069

8/26/13 – Missouri Department of Natural Resources Public Water System Supervision Coordination meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contacts: Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036, Carolyn Mitchell, 7187, Robert Dunlevy, 7798

8/26/13 - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

9/9-13/13 – Nebraska Health and Human Services End of Year Commitments Program Review, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Ken Deason, 7585

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